

Next Question, Please



Kids and parents interview one another to learn about friends and start a discussion about relationships.

Why?

Parents often don't know their children's friends, boyfriends, or girlfriends. Kids often don't know much about their parents' relationship. *Next Question, Please* can help families talk about relationships and respect in a safe and open environment.

Where and When?

Next Question, Please is an ideal activity for a family event at a community- or faith-based organization. After parents and kids interview each other, the larger group can talk together, which allows everyone to learn from other families. You can also give *Next Question, Please* to parents as a take-home activity.

How?

Next Question, Please Questions can be found in the Zone 2 resources on the USB Flash Drive that comes with this Playbook. Download Choose Respect materials for parents from www.chooserespect.org. The Choose Respect Magnetic Picture Frame outlines the warning signs of dating abuse; the Wallet Card tells parents how to start the conversation, what qualities make a healthy relationship, and how to stay involved in their kids' lives.

Pair up 1:1.

Each youth pairs up with a parent. If both parents attend, have the youth interview one parent for part of the time, then switch. Parents and youth should take notes during the interview.

Get to know your family.

Youth and parents can write their own questions or they can use the suggestions below. The questions should fit the family. The goal is to start them talking and help parents and kids learn more about one another.

The youth gets to ask the first question. Then they take turns until time is up or all questions have been asked.

Here are some suggested questions:

Ask a child or a parent:

- Who is your best friend? What makes you like him or her?
- Who is the friend you have known the longest? How long have you known this friend?
- What drives you crazy about one of your friends (e.g., they are always late)? How do you deal with this?

Ask a parent:

- Do you have any friends now that you knew when you were my age?
- Did you have more or fewer friends than I do?
- Did you have friends that respected you when you were my age? Do you have friends that respect you now? How do you know they respect you?

Ask a child:

- Do your friends let you be you? Or do they try and change who you are?
- Do you have any friendships that you think will last 10 years?
- Do your friends boss you around?

Group Discussion

After parents and kids have interviewed each other, gather the group to talk about what they learned. What did parents learn from the activity? What did they learn about their children? What did it mean to youth to discuss relationships with their parents?

Want to Do More?

- Have friends interview each other or kids interview other parents to help gather information for a discussion after the interviews. Focus on what was the same across the interviews and what was different. This allows youth and parents to get more comfortable talking with one another about this issue.

Resources Needed:

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Meeting space

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Next Question, Please Questions

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Choose Respect Wallet Cards

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Choose Respect Magnetic Picture Frames

Evaluation:

Document what you accomplish using Choose Respect tracking tools:

- **Stand Up & Be Counted**

Keep track of play participants and audience members. The Zone 2 Evaluation Tools contain a sign-in sheet.

- **Cheers & Changes**

After the play is complete, note your successes, challenges, and opportunities for the future. The Zone 2 Evaluation Tools contain a worksheet to help you do this.

Choose Respect feedback tools are recommended if you implement multiple plays. Assess what adults learned from and thought of a series of Choose Respect activities using Choose Respect feedback tools:

- **Adult Feedback**

After completing a series of activities with youth, collect information for your evaluation. The Zone 2 Evaluation Tools contain a feedback form to help you do this.

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